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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to constitute a Committee to look after the effects, right and wrong influences of usage of mobile phones introduced by various private communication networks in the country ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) whether the Government are aware of fact that the cellular or mobile phones can be very easily intercepted and tapped; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the details of the investigation done so far in this regard and the ways and means to curb such atrocities ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) & (b): The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) The cellular mobile telephones like other telephones can be intercepted.

(d) There is provision in the Licence Agreement for lawful interception of the cellular mobile telephones. The lawful interception is carried out by the authorised Government Agencies after obtaining due and proper approval to guard against any misuse.